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VALUE OF SAUDI MILITARY PURCHASES

-- A distinction must be drawn between FMS purchases by a country and "arms sales." FMS purchases by Saudi Arabia between FY 50 - 80 total approximately $35 billion. However, only a small portion of this -- about $5.5 billion -- has been for weapons and ammunition. More than half the total has been for supporting equipment and services, including $18.6 billion for the total cost of construction contracts managed by the Corps of Engineers.